

May 16, 2005

To California Indian Tribes and Native American Communities,

I am working closely with the State of California Water Resources Department to coordinate informational briefings for invited tribes and the tribal communities on the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan Update 2005.

The Department of Water Resources Environmental Coordinator/Tribal Liaison, Barbara Cross has assisted with the inclusion of specific recommendations in California water planning policy that include tribal and disadvantaged communities as participants in the State's long term water planning process. In April 2005, Department of Water Resources posted the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan Update 2005 to their web site: www.WaterPlan.water.ca.gov.

This draft is the product of several years' work by Department of Water Resources management, staff, and a large, active Public Advisory Committee whose members represent a cross-section of California interests (government, industry, academia, tribal, environmental justice, natural resources, agriculture and more). Following a public comment period which ends on June 30, the final California Water Plan Update 2005 will be released later in 2005.

I am attaching these two schedules:

- (1) Formal public hearings in 11 locations, plus two evening telephone hearings.
- (2) Tribal-hosted briefings in various locations in May and June.

The Department of Water Resources will bring copies of the Public Review Draft (in a report with a CD insert) to the tribal briefings and hearings. Persons who want an advance copy may contact Barbara Cross, (916) 653-5150 or email bcross@water.ca.gov

Please feel free to post or send this email to interested tribes and other's interested in attending these important briefing on water supply and management of our precious waters.

Sincerely,

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**Tribal Review Briefing to Receive Comments
On the Public Draft of California Water Plan Update 2005**

In Coordination with the California Bay-Delta Authority Tribal Relations and the Department of Water Resources will hold Tribal Briefings to CA Indian Tribes, Native American Communities and interested parties to present information and receive public comments on the public draft of *California Water Plan Update 2005* in May and June. The list of meeting dates, times and locations shown below. These draft documents can be viewed on the Dept. of Water Resources internet web site at address: <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/cwpu2005/index.cfm>. Printed copies will be distributed in early May.

5:30-7:00 pm, May 23, 2005 – Chico, CA:	Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria 125 Mission Ranch Blvd. Chico, California 95926
1:30-3:00 pm, May 25, 2005 – Nice, CA:	Robinson Rancheria Tribal Hall 1545 East Highway 20 Nice, California 95464
1:30-3:00pm, June 1, 2005 – Santa Rosa, CA	National Indian Justice Center 5250 Aero Drive Santa Rosa, California 95403
1:00-3:00pm, June 2, 2005 – Bayside, CA (near Arcata, CA)	Seventh Generation Humboldt Area Foundation 373 Indianola Road Bayside, California 95524
(Tentative Date) June 10, 2005 – Bishop, CA	Owens Valley Indian Water Commission 46 TuSu Lane Bishop, CA 93514
(Tentative Date) June 20, 2005 – Temecula, CA	Native American Environmental Protection Coalition 42143 Avenida Alvarado Unit 2A Temecula, CA 92590

The deadline for receiving all comments is June 30, 2005. Comments may be submitted by email, fax or regular mail to:

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Public Hearings to Receive Comments on the Public Draft of California Water Plan Update 2005

The Department of Water Resources previously released the public draft of *California Water Plan Update 2005* for public review and comment on April 13. These draft documents can be viewed on the Department's internet web site at address: <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/cwpu2005/index.cfm> . Printed copies will be distributed in early May.

The Department will hold public hearings to present information and receive public comments on the public draft of *California Water Plan Update 2005* in June. The list of meeting dates and locations are shown below. All meetings will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In addition, two evening conference telephone call-in sessions (6:00 pm to 8:00 pm) will be held on June 8th and 15th using a toll-free 800 number, to receive comments from the public who are unable to provide input by other means.

June 6th - Oakland: MetroCenter Auditorium
101 Eighth Street, Oakland

June 8th - First Evening Telephone Call-in Session – using 800 number (TBA).

June 9th - Sacramento: Sterling Hotel
1300 H Street, Sacramento

June 13th - Redding: Redding Memorial Veterans Hall
1605 Yuba Street, Redding

June 14th - Eureka: U.C. Agricultural Center
5630 South Broadway, Eureka

June 15th - Second Evening Telephone Call-in Session – using 800 number (TBA).

June 16th - Tracy: Tracy Community Center
400 East 10th Street, Tracy

June 21st - San Diego: San Diego County Water Authority
4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego

June 22nd - Los Angeles: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles

June 23rd - Coachella: Southern Low Desert Resource Conservation & Development Council
53990 Enterprise Way, Coachella

June 28th - Bakersfield: Kern County Water Agency
3200 Rio Mirada Drive, Bakersfield

June 29th - San Luis Obispo: Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, San Luis Obispo

June 30th - Fresno: State of California Building
2550 Mariposa Mall, Room 1036, Fresno

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